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August 7, 2008

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Office
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Re: Centinela Valley Union High School District November 4, 2008 Bond Measure Election

Enclosed please find the Centinela Valley Union High School District Board of Education RESOLUTION NO.08-09/004 "RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CENTINELA VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT ORDERING AN ELECTION, AND ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER" adopted on August 4, 2008 calling for a November 4, 2008 local bond election.

Also enclosed is our Tax Rate Statement.

We expect Exhibit B to be printed in its entirety in each sample ballot/voter pamphlet.

By this letter we are formally requesting to review a proof of the ballot statement language, the full text of the ballot proposition, impartial analysis and ballot arguments that would appear in the voter pamphlet prior to publishing. Please direct this proof to the undersigned as soon as it is available.

We believe that Education Code Section 15122.5 is applicable and we request that the County include the following "State Matching Funds" language in the ballot or voter pamphlet:

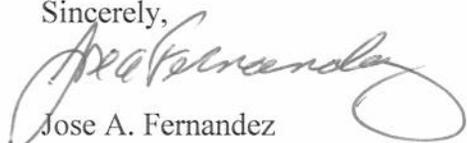
"Approval of Measure _____ does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the Centinela Valley Union High School District that are the subject of bonds under Measure _____ will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by Measure _____. The district's proposal for the project or projects may assume the receipt of matching state funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure."

If possible, the District would like to request the measure letter designation of "____". If not possible, the District requests that we not be assigned the letter "____".

We would be more that happy to provide you with the resolution electronically in order to facilitate your work, or to assist with this process in any other manner.

This letter also authorizes you to contact David Casnocha of Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, our bond counsel, at (415) 283-2241 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jose A. Fernandez". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jose A. Fernandez
Interim Superintendent

Enclosure

cc: David G. Casnocha

RESOLUTION NO. 08-09/004

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
CENTINELA VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
ORDERING AN ELECTION, AND ESTABLISHING
SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER

WHEREAS, the Centinela Valley Union High School District (the "District") wishes to keep our schools safe, drug-free and gang free by creating smaller learning communities where teachers and principals can better monitor students, provide more individualized attention, and instill discipline and respect; and

WHEREAS, the District wishes to increase opportunities for career education and technical job training programs to ensure that local students have the opportunity to learn valuable job skills and provide more students with rewarding, high paying jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") has determined that the District needs to build more permanent classrooms since many classrooms are overcrowded and many of which are outdated and deteriorating; and

WHEREAS, the District must ensure that local students learn in high quality classrooms, with access to computer and technology; and

WHEREAS, upgrades and repairs to science labs, classrooms, learning centers, libraries restrooms, plumbing, and roofs are needed for the health and safety of students, as is removing lead paint and asbestos; and

WHEREAS, schools must be repaired to meet newer seismic standards as well as new accessibility requirements; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding concerted and ongoing efforts by the District to obtain sufficient facility money from the State of California (the "State"), the State has been unable to provide the District with enough money for the District to adequately maintain, construct, repair, and equip our schools to provide an optimal learning environment for all students; and

WHEREAS, the District may qualify for significant State matching facility improvement money if it were able to contribute to the cost of upgrading its schools and constructing new classrooms; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Board, it is advisable to provide additional facility funding to both repair and upgrade District schools and qualify for additional State money by means of a general obligation bond; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 46, approved by the voters of the State on June 3, 1986 ("Proposition 46"), amended Section 1(b) of Article XIII A of the California Constitution by adding a provision which exempts from the 1% of full cash value limitation, those ad valorem taxes used to pay for debt service of any bonded indebtedness for the acquisition or improvement of real property

approved on or after July 1, 1978, by two-thirds of the votes cast by voters voting on the proposition; and

WHEREAS, Section 9400 *et seq.* of the Elections Code of the State of California (the "Elections Code") requires that a tax rate statement be contained in all official materials, including any ballot pamphlet prepared, sponsored or distributed by the District, relating to the election; and

WHEREAS, the Board now desires to authorize the filing of a ballot argument in favor of the proposition to be submitted to the voters at the election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Elections Code, it is appropriate for the Board to request consolidation of the election with any and all other elections to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008, and to request that the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters perform certain election services for the District;

NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CENTINELA VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Board, pursuant to Education Code Sections 15100 *et seq.* and Government Code Section 53506, hereby requests the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters to conduct an election under the provisions of Proposition 46 and the Act and submit to the electors of the District the question of whether bonds of the District in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$98 million (the "Bonds") shall be issued and sold for the purpose of raising money for the purposes described in Exhibits "A" and "B" hereto. Both exhibits are directed to be printed in the voter pamphlet.

Section 2. That the date of the election shall be November 4, 2008.

Section 3. That the purpose of the election shall be for the voters in the District to vote on a proposition, a copy of which is attached hereto and marked Exhibit "A" and incorporated by reference herein, containing the question of whether the District shall issue the Bonds to pay for improvements to the extent permitted by such proposition. The Board hereby determines that the ballot proposition in Exhibit "A" is subject to the following requirements and determinations:

(a) the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds shall only be used for the purposes set forth in the ballot measure and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other operating expenses;

(b) that the Board, in establishing the projects set forth in Exhibit "B," evaluated the safety, enrollment trends, capacity, class size reduction and information technology needs of the District as well as the importance of the projects to student achievement and enhanced instruction;

(c) that the Board will cause to be conducted an annual audit to ensure that the Bond moneys get expended for the projects identified in Exhibit "B" hereto;

(d) that the Board will cause the appointment of a Citizens' Oversight Committee to review the District's expenditure of the bond proceeds.

Section 4. That the authority for ordering the election is contained in Education Code Sections 15100 *et seq.* and Government Code Section 53506.

Section 5. That the authority for the specifications of this election order is contained in Sections 5322 of the Education Code.

Section 6. That the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors are hereby requested to consolidate the election ordered hereby with any and all other elections to be held on November 4, 2008 within the District.

Section 7. That the Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters no later than August 8, 2008.

Section 8. That the maturity of any Bonds issued pursuant to Section 15264 *et seq.* of the Education Code hereto shall have a maturity not exceeding twenty-five (25) years, and Bonds issued pursuant to Section 53506 of the Government Code shall have a maturity of not exceeding forty (40) years. The maximum rate of interest on any Bond shall not exceed the maximum rate allowed by Education Code Sections 15140 to 15143, as modified by Government Code Section 53531.

Section 9. That the Board requests the governing body of any such other political subdivision, or any officer otherwise authorized by law, to partially or completely consolidate such election and to further provide that the canvass be made by any body or official authorized by law to canvass the returns of the election, and that the Board consents to such consolidation.

Section 10. Pursuant to Section 5303 of the Education Code and Section 10002 of the Elections Code, the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County is requested to permit the Registrar of Voters to render all services specified by Section 10418 of the Elections Code relating to the election, for which services the District agrees to reimburse Los Angeles County, such services to include the printing of the Full Text Ballot Proposition in the voter pamphlet, the publication of a Formal Notice of School Bond Election and the mailing of the sample ballot and tax rate statement (described in Section 9401 of the Elections Code) pursuant to the terms of Section 5363 of the Education Code and Section 12112 of the Elections Code.

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Section 11. The Board hereby appoints Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, a Professional Corporation, as bond counsel and Keygent LLC as financial advisor to the District in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. The fees of each consultant shall be contingent on the issuance of the Bonds and be paid from the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 7th day of August, 2008.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CENTINELA
VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

By  _____
President

Attest:

 _____
Secretary

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
)
LOS ANGELES COUNTY)

I, Jose A. Fernandez, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 08-09/004, which was duly adopted by the Board of Education of the Centinela Valley Union High School District at meeting thereof held on the 7th day of August, 2008, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

By  Secretary

EXHIBIT A

“Centinela High Schools Improvement Measure. To improve the quality of education/student safety/reduce overcrowding, shall Centinela Valley Union High School District issue \$98,000,000 in bonds, at legal rates, to repair/acquire/construct local schools, sites, facilities, libraries, classrooms, science/computer labs, ensure earthquake safety, remove mold/asbestos, upgrade fire safety/security systems, leaky roofs, restrooms, plumbing/electrical/heating/cooling systems, with citizens’ oversight, independent annual audits, no money for administrators’ salaries and no increase in current tax rates?”

Bonds - Yes

Bonds – No

EXHIBIT B

FULL TEXT BALLOT PROPOSITION OF THE CENTINELA VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND MEASURE ELECTION NOVEMBER 4, 2008

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PRIORITY SCHOOL PROJECT LISTS

The Board of Education of the Centinela Valley Union High School District evaluated the District’s urgent and critical school needs, including school and student safety issues, enrollment trends, class size, high school overcrowding, energy efficiency and computer technology, school safety from gangs, crime and drugs, seismic safety requirements, and aging, outdated or deteriorating school buildings in developing the scope of projects to be funded. In developing the scope of projects, the Board conducted a thorough evaluation at all school sites and received public input and review in developing the school projects to be funded. This input concluded that if these needs were not addressed now, the problem would only get worse and more expensive to address in the future. **In approving this Priority School Projects List, the Board of Education determines that:**

- **Bond money ought to focus on improving learning and raising student academics.**
- **All of its schools must be healthy and safe from earthquake risks, hazardous materials such as asbestos, mold and fire dangers.**
- **In repairing aging schools, priority shall be given to basic repairs, such as providing safe drinking water on campus, upgrading 80-year old plumbing, electrical and utility systems.**
- **All of its schools should be safe learning environments, free from gang or drug influence.**
- **The District must manage class size by repairing existing classrooms and science labs and building new classrooms, particularly so that students can improve their academic performance and job training skills.**
- **The District must install and upgrade fire detection systems, security and emergency response systems at every school so that all students are safe, as well as make repairs in compliance with energy saving and sustainability standards.**

School Health and Safety, Earthquake Safety and Energy Efficiency School Projects

Goal and Purpose: To ensure that the learning process is not interrupted by gangs and drugs or juvenile crime and to help improve academic performance, schools and school sites will benefit from a variety of health and safety projects, such as:

- Remove or abate all asbestos, lead paint, mold and all hazardous materials.
- Fire alarm systems upgraded to automatic systems, repair fire safety equipment, add sprinklers and fire safety doors.
- Upgrade water system so there is safe drinking water on all campuses.
- Upgrade to schools to meet handicap accessibility requirements.
- Strengthen and repair older schools and classrooms vulnerable to serious damage in a major earthquake, as required by State law.
- Inspect for/repair gas pipe leaks.
- Install new security systems, such as security (surveillance) cameras, outdoor lighting, and classroom door locks.
- Replace/upgrade existing security systems.
- Fix school drainage systems to stop flooding during rain season.
- Install energy efficient systems.
- Replace existing window systems with energy efficient systems.
- Relocate or improve student drop-off areas for safety, including a separate area for buses.
- Inspect and improve play area fields for safety and drainage.
- Replace existing doors and doorframes.
- Add emergency exits for faster evacuation in an emergency.
- Upgrade school site parking, utilities and grounds.
- Repair termite damage to structures and doors/doorframes.

School Renovation, Repair and Upgrade Projects

Goal and Purpose: Schools will benefit from the renovation, repair and upgrade of deteriorating, outdated school buildings, science labs, classrooms, computer learning centers and school libraries and equipment, providing smaller class size and allowing all children have the resources they need to learn and excel:

- Replace existing wiring systems to meet current electrical and accessibility codes and increased capacity and allow computers in classroom.
- Additional electrical service capacity to relieve currently overloaded electrical systems.

- Replace existing water, sewer and plumbing systems to meet current codes, including the elimination of lead-containing fixtures.
- Upgrade aging and deteriorating school restrooms.
- Replace older heating, ventilation, air conditioning and lighting systems with building code compliant, energy efficient systems.
- Install code-compliant ventilating systems in restrooms.
- Provide improved, upgraded computer labs.
- Upgrade and equip classrooms, science labs, multipurpose rooms, physical education facilities, kitchens, auditoriums, libraries, arts and music rooms, childcare, preschool, adult education and educational support spaces.
- Classroom interiors will receive new paint, carpet/vinyl tile/asbestos abatement, white markerboards, tackable surfaces, storage-for instructional materials and equipment.
- Repair, upgrade and replace worn-out leaking roofs.
- Federal and State-mandated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility upgrades including site access, parking, staff and student restrooms, relocation of some existing electrical devices.
- Replace old, portable classrooms.
- Repair aging schools.

District-Wide Wiring and Instructional Technology For Effective Learning Environment Projects

Goal and Purpose: To improve both current instruction methods and to expand job training programs by applying modern technology infrastructure:

- Upgrade and expand electrical systems, telecommunications, Internet and network connections, so all classrooms can have computers.

Classroom Improvements to Enhance Job Training

Goal and Purpose: To increase opportunities for career training and technical and job training, as well as to establish after school programs that keep kids off the street and out of trouble:

- Reduce class size and offer training to students for jobs in health, engineering and other professions.
- Remodel and improve existing childcare and after-school program facilities.
- Upgrade technology used in job training programs.

**New Construction Education Enhancement/Class Size
Reduction Projects at School Sites**

Goal and Purpose: To reduce the severe and unsafe overcrowding at neighborhood high schools and to reduce the risk of violence and injury in the event of emergency evacuation, some schools would benefit from the construction and expansion of additional earthquake and accessibility code compliant facilities, such as:

- Multi-Purpose rooms, staff and student bathrooms, storage, educational support spaces, and classrooms.
- New classrooms/classroom buildings, which will reduce dependency on portable classrooms.
- Additional electrical service capacity.
- Additional staff and student restrooms.

Listed building, repair and rehabilitation projects and upgrades will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, program/project management, staff training expenses and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. In addition to the listed repair and construction projects stated above, the Priority School Project Lists, also include the payment of facility related construction costs which have been judicially determined to be owed by the District, the acquisition of land, the acquisition and releasing of pool facilities, the remodeling of administrative support spaces, the payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, facility assessment reviews, facility master plan updates, environmental studies (including environmental investigation, remediation and monitoring) and construction documentation, the acquisition of outstanding ground leases, temporary housing of dislocated District activities caused by bond projects and the leasing or acquisition of a transportation lot for school buses. The allocation of bond proceeds will be affected by the District's receipt of State matching funds and the final costs of each project. In the absence of State matching funds, which the District will aggressively pursue to reduce the District's share of the costs of the projects, the District will not be able to complete some of the projects listed above. The budget for each project is an estimate and may be affected by factors beyond the District's control. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized, construction bids are awarded and projects are completed. Based on the final costs of each project, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. Demolition of existing facilities and reconstruction of facilities scheduled for repair and upgrade may occur, if the Board determines that such an approach would be more cost-effective in creating more enhanced and operationally efficient campuses. Necessary site preparation/restoration may occur in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property. Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay or reimburse the District for the cost of District staff when performing work on or necessary and incidental to bond projects. Bond proceeds shall only be expended for the specific purposes identified herein. The District shall create an account into which proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited and comply with the reporting requirements of Government Code § 53410.

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNTABILITY AND SAFEGUARDS.
**APPROPRIATE PROJECTS PAID FOR WITH BOND MONEY WILL BE SUBJECT TO
OVERSIGHT OF A PROFESSIONAL CONSTRUCTION/PROGRAM MANAGEMENT**

FIRM WITH A PROVEN TRACK RECORD OF DELIVERING SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS ON-TIME AND ON-BUDGET TO SAVE TAXPAYER DOLLARS.

NO ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES. PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE BONDS AUTHORIZED BY THIS PROPOSITION SHALL BE USED ONLY FOR THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION, OR REPLACEMENT OF SCHOOL FACILITIES AND NOT FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE, INCLUDING TEACHER AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES.

FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY. THE EXPENDITURE OF BOND MONEY ON THESE PROJECTS IS SUBJECT TO STRINGENT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS. BY LAW, PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL AUDITS WILL BE PERFORMED ANNUALLY, AND ALL BOND EXPENDITURES WILL BE MONITORED BY AN INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO ENSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT AS PROMISED AND SPECIFIED. NO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES OR VENDORS ARE ALLOWED TO SERVE ON THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.